



State of Tennessee Department of Children's Services

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Local Procedures: No

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To All Department of Children's Services Assistant Commissioners, Regional Administrators and Program Operations Employees

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Policy

Children under six years (6) of age shall not be placed in a group care non- foster family home setting, except for children with exceptional needs that cannot be met in any other type of placement.

Procedures

Regional administrator certification of need

1. Children under the age of six years (6) shall not be placed in non-foster family home settings.
2. The only exception to the above may occur when the Regional Administrator certifies that based on a personal determination, the child's needs may only be met in a non-foster family residential setting.
3. Upon making this determination, the Regional Administrator shall document the basis for the decision and the services available to meet the child's individual needs in the case recordings in TN Kids and/or case file.

Forms

None

Collateral Documents

None

Standards

None

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